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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CV-S-05-0482-RLH-RJJ

JEREMY MAY,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NEVADA CREDICO, INC., dba)
QUANTUM COLLECTIONS,) JURY DEMANDED

Defendant.)

COMPLAINT

JURISDICTION

1. The jurisdiction of this Court attains pursuant to the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and the doctrine of supplemental jurisdiction. Venue lies in the Southern Division of the Judicial District of Nevada as Plaintiff's claims arose from acts of the Defendant perpetrated therein.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 2. This action is instituted in accordance with and to remedy Defendant's violations of the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C § 1692 et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA"), and of related state law obligations brought as supplemental claims hereto.
- 3. In December, 2004, Defendant initiated a campaign of abusive, unfair, unreasonable, and unlawful debt collection

activity directed against Plaintiff at Plaintiff's home in Las Vegas, Nevada.

4. As a result of these and other violations of law, Plaintiff seeks hereby to recover actual and statutory damages together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff, Jeremy May, is a natural person who resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. Section 1692a(3) and allegedly owes a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. Section 1692a(5).
- 6. Defendant, Nevada Credico, Inc. dba Quantum Collections, is a domestic corporation, the principal purpose of whose business is the collection of debts, operating a debt collection agency from its principal place of business in North Las Vegas, Nevada and regularly collects or attempts to collect debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another, and is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. Section 1692a(6).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 7. Plaintiff repeats, realleges and asserts all test all allegations contained in the preliminary statement to this Complaint and reasserts them as incorporated in full herein.
- 8. Plaintiff, at all times mentioned herein, is enlisted in the California Air National Guard and has been attending Air Force basic training in Texas. Plaintiff is therefore protected under the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act, U.S. Code 50 Appendix, \$500 et seq.
- 9. While Plaintiff was in basic training in Texas his vehicle was involved in an accident and towed to a storage yard.

- 10. Plaintiff contacted the storage yard and provided his address and parents' phone number.
- 11. Shortly thereafter Plaintiff was contacted by the storage yard and informed that his vehicle had been sold without notice to him.
- 12. Plaintiff was further advised that he owed a balance of \$2,000.00 and his account would be sent to collections if had immediately paid in full.
- 13. In late December 2004, Quantum Collections contacted Plaintiff's parents, requesting to speak with Plaintiff.
- 14. Plaintiff's father gave Monique of Quantum Plaintiff's cell phone number, advising that Plaintiff was not often available at his parents' number.
- 15. Quantum spoke with Plaintiff thereafter and was advised by Plaintiff that he disputed the debt because his car had been sold without notice to him.
- 16. Plaintiff further advised Defendant that he had a pending property damage claim with the responsible driver's instruction company.
- 17. Plaintiff also advised Ms. Tyler he was to be contacted on his cell phone and not his parents' phone.
- 18. Notwithstanding, on February 25, 2005, Tyler left the following message on Plaintiff's parents' answering machine in violation of FDCPA § 1692c(b):
 - Hi. This message is for Jeremy May. This is Tyler calling from Quantum Collections. I need you to return my call regarding your account with CityWide Towing. We are getting

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ready to take the hold off on the account and so I need to know what you are doing with it before we do. So if you could please give me a call back. I am at 633-8029. Thank you.

- 19. This message was received by Plaintiff's parameter and brother and sister.
- 20. On March 4, 2005 Tyler also left the following message on Plaintiff's parents' answering machine in violation of FECTA S 1692c(b):

This message is for Jeremy May. This is Tyler calling from Quantum Collections regarding CityWide Towing. I have left you numerous messages regarding that account and I have to take the hold off on it to report to your credit bureaus, so if you can please give me a call back and let me know what you wanta to do with the account. I am at 633-8029. I need to hear from you by the 15th of the month. Thank you.

- 21. This message was again received by Plaintiff's parents.
- 22. Defendant's continued phone contacts to Plaintiff, and times and at a place known to be inconvenient to Plaintiff, were made in violation of FDCPA § 1692c(a)(1). Fox v. Citicorp Credit Services, Inc., 15 F.3d 1507, 1516, fn. 10 (9th Cir. 1994), Austin v. Great Lakes Collection Bureau, Inc., 834 F. Supp. 557, 549 (L. Conn. 1993).
- 23. The Defendant's repeated recalls to Plaintiff's parents' home constituted harassment in violation of FDCPA §§ 1692d and

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- 1692d(5). <u>Fox v. Citicorp Credit Services</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, 15 F.3d 1507, 1516 (9th Cir. 1994), <u>Bingham v. Collection Bureau</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, 505 F. Supp. 864, 873 (1981), <u>Kuhn v. Account Control Technology</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, 865 F. Supp. 1443, 1452-53 (D. Nev. 1994).
- 24. During the middle of March, Plain of received Defendant's March 7, 2005 dun (Exhibit 1).
- 25. Exhibit 1 is the only correspondence ever received by Plaintiff from Defendant and does not provide required FDCPA \$ 1692g's mandatory disclosures.
- 26. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant were undertaken by it willfully, maliciously, and intentionally, knowingly, and/or in gross or reckless disregard of the rights of Plaintiff.
- 27. Indeed, the foregoing acts and omissions of Detendant were undertaken by it indiscriminately and persistently, as part of its regular and routine debt collection efforts, and without regard to or consideration of the identity or rights of Plaintiff.
- 28. As a proximate result of the foregoing acts and orderions of Defendant, Plaintiff has suffered actual damages and injury, including, but not limited to, stress, humiliation, mental anguish and suffering, and emotional distress, for which Plaintiff should be compensated in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 29. As a result of the foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant, and in order to punish Defendant for its outrageous and malicious conduct, as well as to deter it from committing similar acts in the future as part of its debt collection efforts, Plaintiff is entitled to recover punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

- 30. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute violations of the FDCPA, including, but not limited to, Sections 1692c, 1692d, 1692e, 1692f and 1692q.
- 31. Plaintiff is entitled to recover statutory damages, actual damages, reasonable attorney's fees, and costs.

COUNT II

- 32. The foregoing acts and omissions constitute unreasonable debt collection practices in violation of the doctrine of Invasion of Privacy. Kuhn v. Account Control Technology, Inc., 865 F. Supp. 1443, 1448-49 (D. Nev. 1994); Pittman v. J. J. Mac Intyre Co. of Nevada, Inc., 969 F. Supp. 609, 613-14 (D. of Nev. 1997).
- 33. Plaintiff is entitled to recover actual damages as well as punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands trial by a six-person jury on all issues so triable.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

- 1. Award actual damages.
- 2. Award punitive damages.
- 3. Award statutory damages of \$1,000 pursuant to 1: U.S.C. § 1692k.
 - 4. Award reasonable attorney fees.
 - 5. Award costs.

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Grant such other and further relief as it deems) as: 6. and proper. Respectfully submitted, MITCHELL D. GLINER, Nevada Bar #3419 3017 West Charleston Boulevard Suite 95 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 Attorney for Plaintiff

EXHIBITS

3224 CIVIC CENTER DRIVL P.O. BOX 364389 NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV 89036-8389 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

March 7, 2005

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May Jeremy Lynn
2300 Hunt Club St

Las Vegas NV 89128-6718

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Quantum Collections
PO Box 364389
North Las Vegas NV 89036-8389

*** RETURN THIS LETTER IN THE ENVELOPE WITH YOUR PAYMENT ***

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* * Save Up To 328.85 * *

Regarding the following accounts in your Quantum Collections file: This notice will serve to notify you that Quantum Collections has been authorized and will accept the following amounts to consider these balances settled-in-full.

Debt CITY WIDE TOWING Account # Balance 1986-00918 1096.18 Settlement Savings 767.33 328.85

Total Settlement Savings

328.85

This is a one-time offer that will expire 10 days from the date of this notice.

Our office will be accepting MasterCard, VISA, and Discover to assist you in taking advantage of this offer. As time is limited on this settlement offer, please contact M TYLER immediately regarding any questions on these accounts.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If you wish to pay by credit card, fill in the information below and return the entire letter to us.









Account Number

Payment Amount

Expire Date

Card Holder Name

Signature of Card Holder

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